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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Norio SUMITOMO et al. Conf.: 6992  
Appl. No.: 09/295,273 Group: 3711  
Filed: April 20, 2001 Examiner: S. Varma  
For: GOLF CLUB SHAFT

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

September 21, 2001

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated March 21, 2001 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1 and 4-9.

☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$890.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

☐ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on \_\_\_\_\_. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

☒ Large entity - \$310.00

☐ Small Entity - \$155.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$1,200.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

☒ A check in the amount of \$1,200.00 is enclosed.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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